

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and to urge my colleagues to use this time to raise awareness and help increase public knowledge about this deadly disease and its symptoms. In 2012, it is estimated that approximately 22,280 women in the United States will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 15,500 will die of the disease. In my state, Florida, an estimated 1,040 women will die from ovarian cancer this year. Too many American women—sisters, daughters, nieces, wives, friends, neighbors, and coworkers—are losing their lives to this disease.

Ovarian cancer is currently the ninth most common cancer among women and the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths, making it the deadliest of the gynecologic cancers. If ovarian cancer is treated before it has spread outside the ovary, the five-year survival rate is 93 percent. Currently, only 15 percent of ovarian cancers are found at such an early stage and overall the relative five-year survival rate is 46 percent. I urge Members of this House to help make women aware of the potential warning signs to prevent future deaths. This is especially vital because physicians acknowledge that symptoms can be vague and may be associated with other medical conditions.

Despite increased knowledge and treatments for many once-deadly cancers, ovarian cancer's risk factors, symptoms, and causes are not well understood. Experts recommend that women see a gynecologist if they experience any of the often subtle symptoms of ovarian cancer daily for more than a few weeks, these include bloating, difficulty eating, and pelvic or abdominal pain. I ask all of my colleagues to become familiar with the symptoms and to share the information with their friends, family, staff, and constituents.

Research also holds the key to identifying better treatments for ovarian cancer, as well as the development of a screening test. That is why as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense I have made it an annual priority to assist in funding the highly successful Department of Defense Ovarian Cancer Research Program. For nearly two decades now this program has played a key role in supporting unique ovarian cancer research and has already seen some breakthroughs in the fight against ovarian cancer. Continued federal funding will allow the program to maintain current research and expand innovative investigations into much-needed early detection tools and screening.

As we continue our work on establishing funding priorities for the coming fiscal year, it is my hope that my colleagues remember the important work of the DoD Ovarian Cancer Research Program and other federal initiatives aimed at reducing ovarian cancer incidence and mortality. We must all work together to bring greater awareness to ovarian cancer and help educate the women in our life about the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of this devastating disease.

MADISON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 200th birthday of my home county,

Madison County, Illinois. Situated in southwestern Illinois, Madison County is one of the fastest growing and most diverse counties in Illinois. Whether it is the suburban hustle and bustle of Collinsville and Godfrey, the rural small-town atmosphere of Grantfork and Alhambra, the industrial might of Granite City and Wood River, the farming communities around St. Jacob and Worden, the university neighborhoods of Edwardsville, the historic charm of Alton and Highland, or the new and expanding developments in Maryville and Bethalto, Madison County has something for everyone.

Madison County is proud of its history, and optimistic about its future. Our county has produced towering figures of history, literally and figuratively: being home to Robert Wadlow, the world's tallest man, as well as the great Senator Paul Simon, jazz legend Miles Davis, and the abolitionist publisher Elijah Lovejoy. Our county was founded by Swiss, Italian, Hungarian, and Lithuanian immigrants. They farmed, mined, and worked in mills. Governor Ninian Edwards—for whom Edwardsville is named—chose President James Madison as our county's namesake.

On behalf of the more than a quarter-million proud residents of Madison County, I invite you to visit and see the National Great Rivers Museum in Alton, our many historic Route 66 sites, the Piasa Bird outside Alton, and the Lewis and Clark Historic Site. The fine, hard-working men and women of all walks of life who make our communities and our county an excellent place to live, work and raise a family welcome you.

I congratulate County Board President Alan Dunstan, and my many other friends and neighbors in Madison County on celebrating the bicentennial. May our home county continue to grow and prosper for another 200 years and beyond.

HAZARDOUS WASTE ELECTRONIC MANIFEST ESTABLISHMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 710, the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act.

As the Ranking Member of the House Environment and Economy Subcommittee, I have long advocated for the establishment of an e-manifest system.

I am pleased that not only our subcommittee produced legislation to create this important system but that we did so in a bipartisan manner.

It's not very often that we in the House not only agree on a product but that it also has support from both industry and the environmental groups.

That is why it is so important to that my colleagues support this bill today.

The benefits of an electronic manifest are obvious—ranging from reduced paperwork and administrative burdens to the millions of dollars that such a system could save.

More importantly, though, with this e-manifest system we will ensure that hazardous

wastes is successfully tracked and managed from generation to its final destination.

This is a good bill and I look forward to passing it and urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING PETER PALMER FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Peter Palmer of Bernardsville, New Jersey, for his lifetime of public service. Peter was born and raised in Bernardsville, where he lives to this day. Peter has been in public service since a young age and has remained an active servant throughout his life.

Peter joined the U.S. Signal Corps as a young man and was honorably discharged as First Lieutenant. Peter began his time in public office in 1962 when he was elected to the school board. He served two full terms and was elected to the Bernardsville Borough Council where he served for sixteen years. He quickly formed a reputation of honesty and integrity. He became Mayor and served a distinguished decade of accomplishment. He joined the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders where he has served a county-wide constituency. In 2011, Peter received the high honor of being named "Freeholder of the Year" by the New Jersey Association of Counties. The group noted his leadership and ability.

I know Peter personally and I have seen his fine work firsthand. I join Peter's spouse, Kathleen, and his friends and colleagues in congratulating him on his of tenure selfless public service to Bernardsville, Somerset County and the State of New Jersey.

NASHVILLE SOFTBALL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the achievements of the Nashville Hornettes softball team, which earlier this month brought home its second state championship.

The Hornettes put together a stellar 35–4 season this year, swept through the regional and the sectional, and knocked off two of the state's top teams at the state finals in order to claim the title. I want to congratulate Coach Dempsey Witte, who led this team to the title in only his second year as head coach, as well as his assistants: Wayne Harre, Charlie Heck, Bethany Hinkle and Jordan Farris. I especially want to extend my congratulations to the members of the 2012 Hornettes state championship softball team who worked so hard all year to achieve this goal: Alana Czajkowski, Emily Thompson, Mollie Borowiak, Jordi Harre, Lauren O'Daniell, Hannah Yung, Nellie Snead, Nicole Deering, Kiley Pelker, Abbi Liske, Daley Buchanan, Briah Winchester, Maci Ingram and Shaye Harre.